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(54) **COIN STORAGE AND DISPLAY ASSEMBLY**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A coin storage and display assembly includes a panel that has a front side and a back side. The panel has a generally rectangular shape. United States flag indicia are positioned on the front side and consist of a canton and thirteen stripes. The canton has fifty star shaped depressions therein. Each of a plurality of inserts has a size and shape adapted for being removably positioned in and frictionally coupled to one of the depressions. Each of the inserts has a first side and a second side. Each of the first sides has a circular shaped indentation therein. The indentations each have a diameter equal to a coin, such as a quarter. Each of a plurality of quarters may be removably positioned in one of the indentations and each of the inserts may be removably positioned in one of the depressions.

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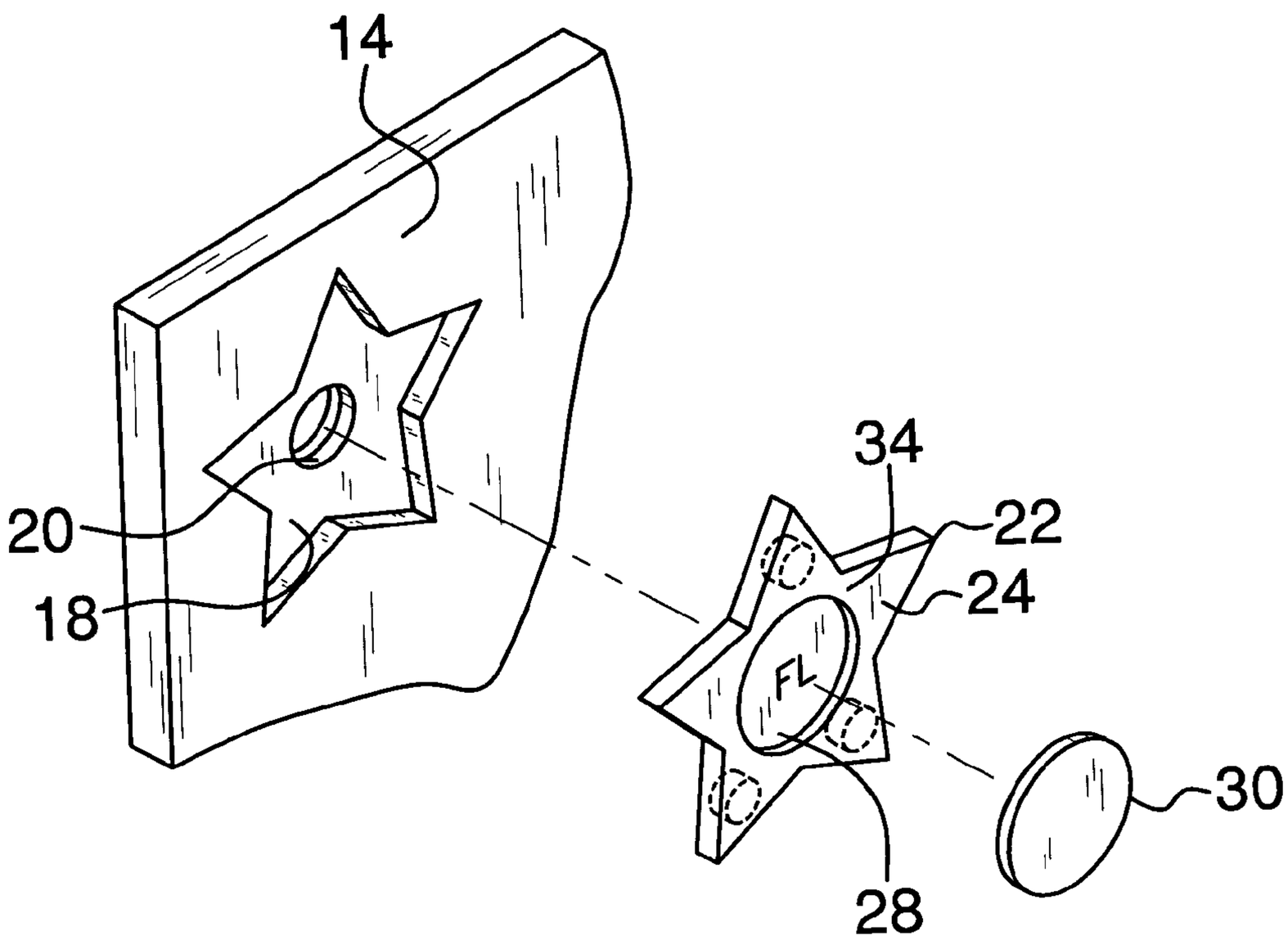


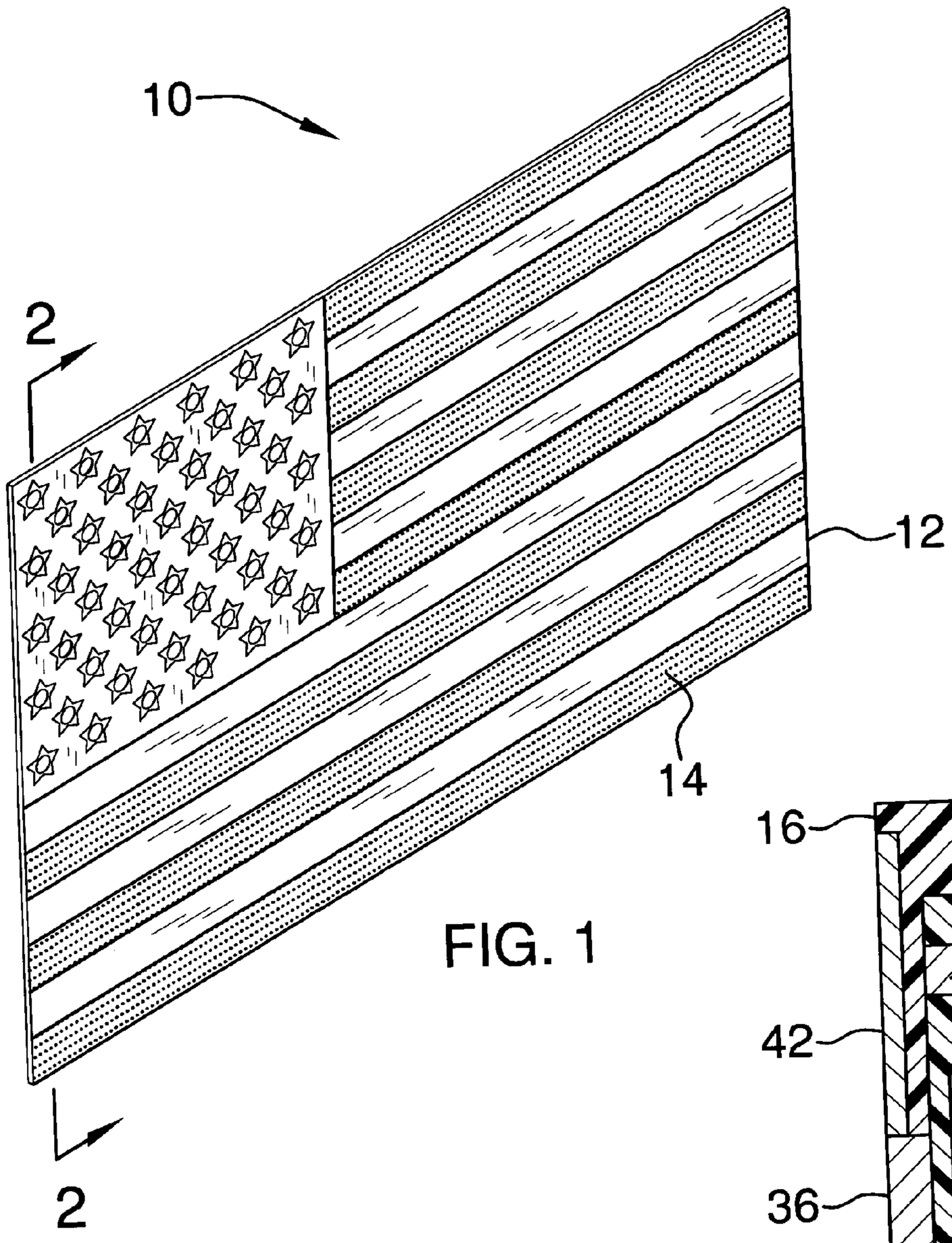
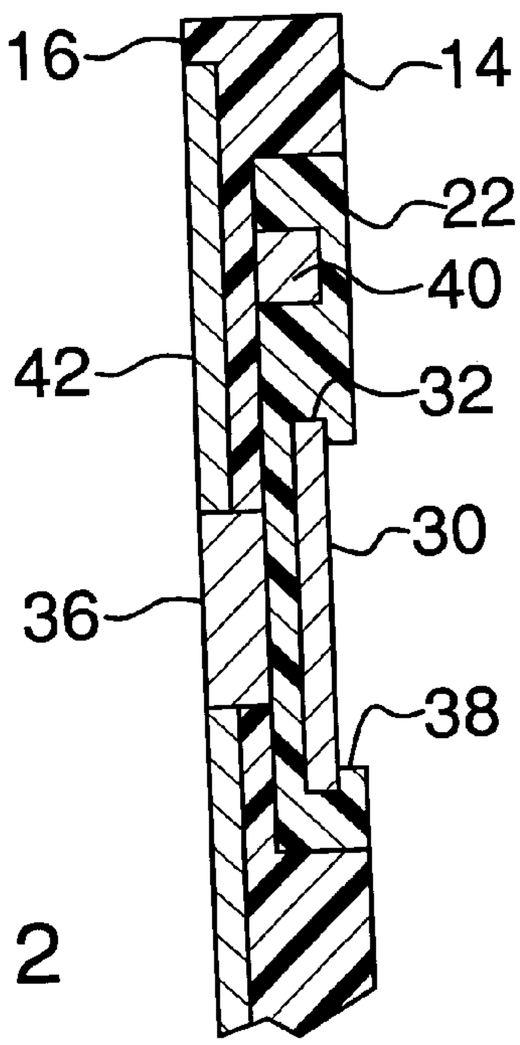



FIG. 1

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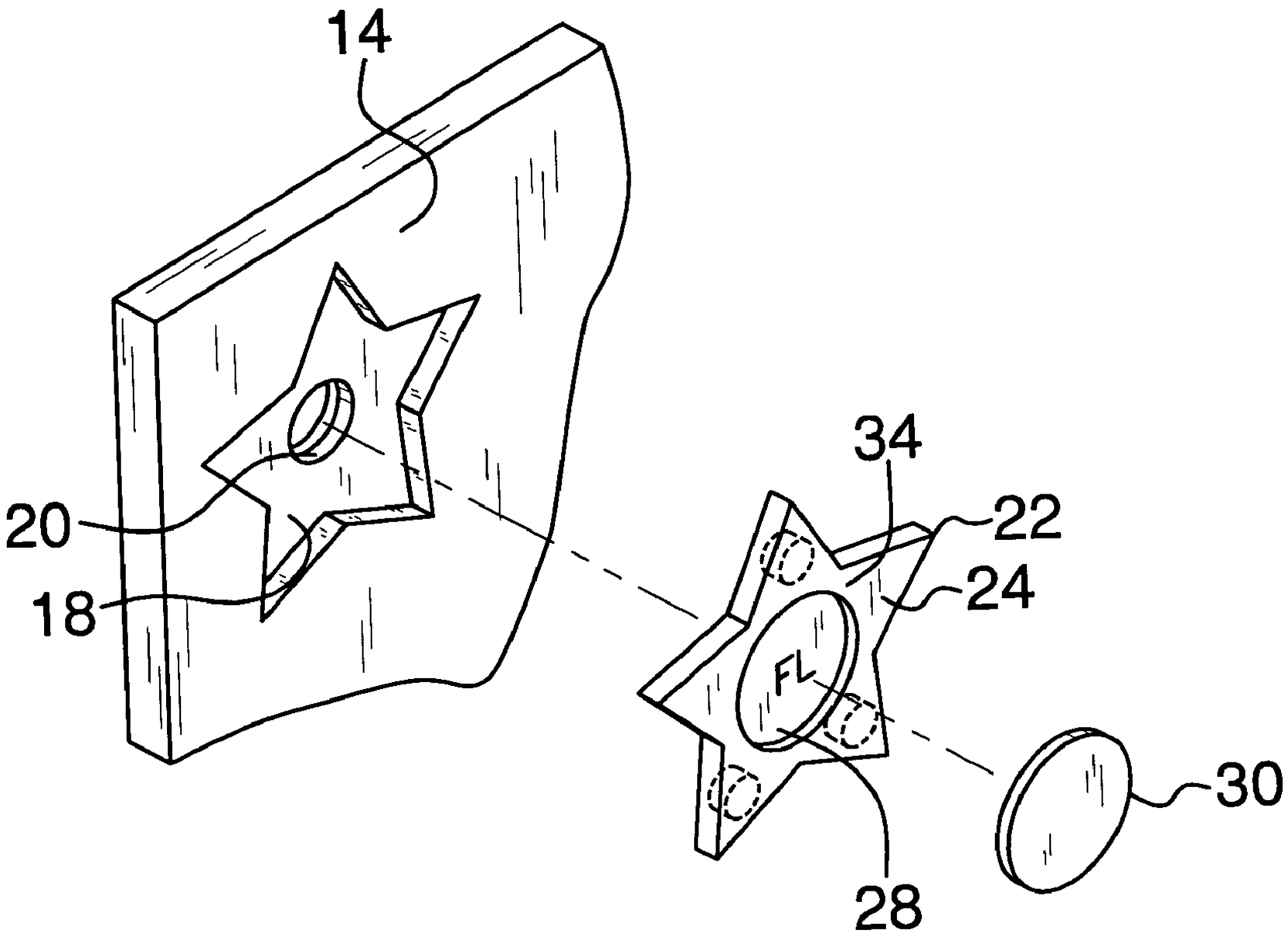


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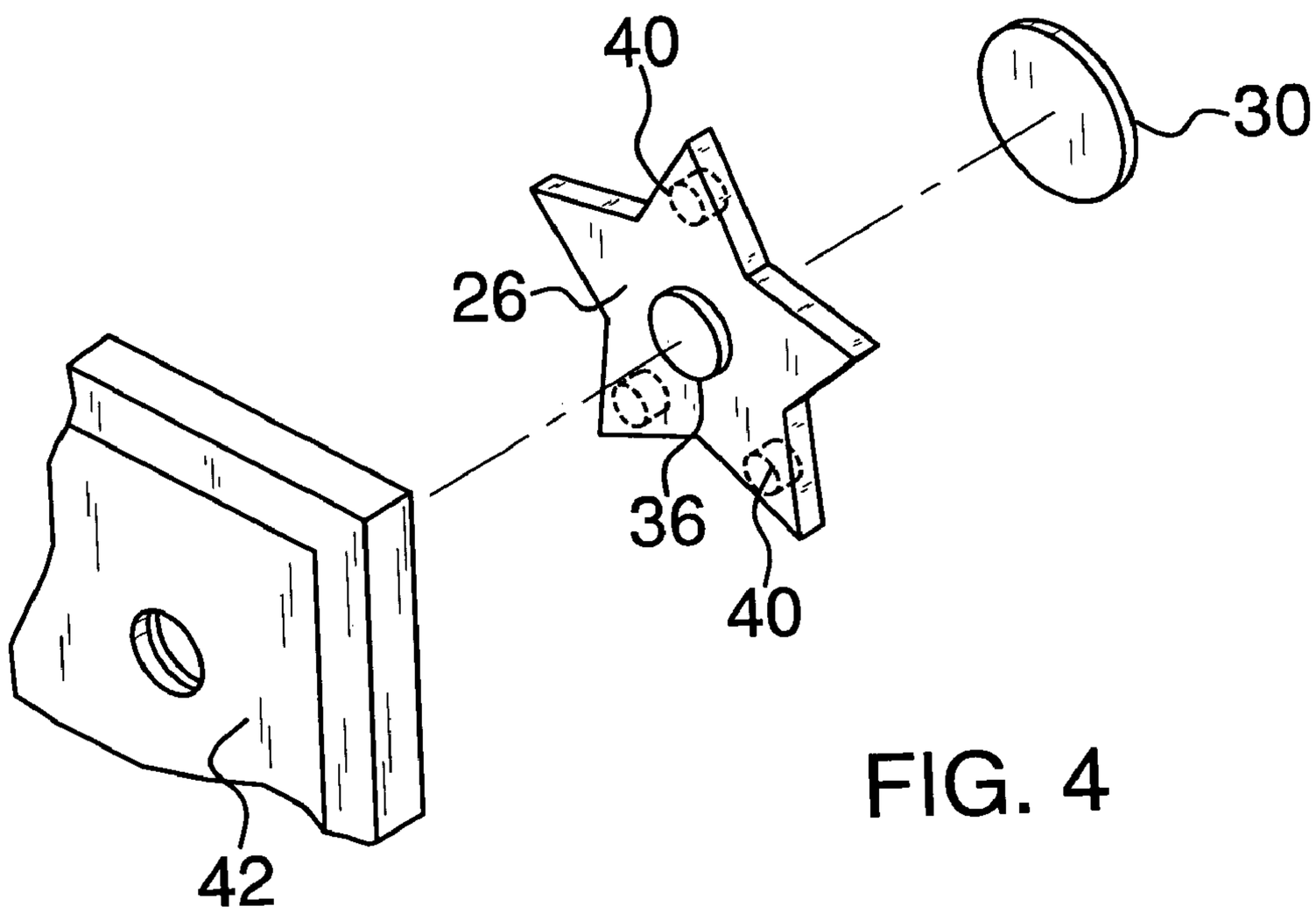


FIG. 4

# COIN STORAGE AND DISPLAY ASSEMBLY

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to coin holding devices and more particularly pertains to a new coin holding device for holding and displaying United Stated quarters.

2. Description of the Prior Art

The use of coin holding devices is known in the prior art. U.S. Pat. No. 5,988,366 describes a map of the United States having openings positioned in each of the states for holding a coin which is presumably a United States quarter. Another type of coin holding device is U.S. Pat. No. 6,604,627 again showing a map of the United States having positions therein for holding quarters. U.S. Design Pat. No. 450,908 shows a United States flag having a plurality of flaps or pockets positioned on the stars for holding and displaying quarters. U.S. Design Pat. No. 441,397 shows an album adapted for holding commemorative quarters.

While these devices fulfill their respective, particular objectives and requirements, the need remains for a device which is readily adapted for holding quarters in an attractive format. The device should be adapted for allowing easy filling or removal of the quarters when desired, but should also ensure that the quarters are secure enough in their saddles that the device may be mounted without fear of losing quarters.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention meets the needs presented above by comprising a panel that has a front side and a back side. The panel has a generally rectangular shape. United States flag indicia are positioned on the front side and consist of a canton and thirteen stripes. The canton has fifty star shaped depressions therein. Each of a plurality of inserts has a size and shape adapted for being removably positioned in and frictionally coupled to one of the depressions. Each of the inserts has a first side and a second side. Each of the first sides has a circular shaped indentation therein. The indentations each have a diameter equal to a coin, such as a quarter. Each of a plurality of quarters may be removably positioned in one of the indentations and each of the inserts may be removably positioned in one of the depressions.

There has thus been outlined, rather broadly, the more important features of the invention in order that the detailed description thereof that follows may be better understood, and in order that the present contribution to the art may be better appreciated. There are additional features of the invention that will be described hereinafter and which will form the subject matter of the claims appended hereto.

The objects of the invention, along with the various features of novelty which characterize the invention, are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed to and forming a part of this disclosure.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention will be better understood and objects other than those set forth above will become apparent when consideration is given to the following detailed description thereof. Such description makes reference to the annexed drawings wherein:

FIG. **1** is a perspective view of a coin storage and display assembly according to the present invention.



FIG. **2** is a cross-sectional view taken along line **2-2** of FIG. **1** of the present invention.

FIG. **3** is an expanded, front perspective view of the present invention.

FIG. **4** is an expanded, rear perspective view of the present invention.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

With reference now to the drawings, and in particular to FIGS. **1** through **4** thereof, a new coin holding device embodying the principles and concepts of the present invention and generally designated by the reference numeral **10** will be described.

As best illustrated in FIGS. **1** through **4**, the coin storage and display assembly **10** generally comprises a panel **12** that has a front side **14** and a back side **16**, the panel **12** has a generally rectangular shape. United States flag indicia is positioned on the front side and consists of a canton and thirteen stripes. The canton has fifty star shaped depressions **18** therein positioned as would be found on a traditional United States flag. The panel **12** has fifty apertures **20** extending therethrough. Each of the depressions **18** has one of the apertures **20** therein. The panel **12** is preferably comprised of a plastic material.

A plurality of inserts **22** is provided. Each of the inserts **22** has a size and shape adapted for being removably positioned in and frictionally coupled to one of the depressions **18**. Each of the inserts **22** has a first side **24** and a second side **26**. The first sides **24** each have a circular shaped indentation **28** therein. The indentations **28** each have a diameter equal to a coin, and ideally the coin size to be used is that of a standard quarter **30**. Each of the indentations **28** has a perimeter edge **32**. The inserts **22** are each comprised of a resiliently flexible material such as a plastic or elastomer. Indicia **34** representing the names of the states may be positioned in each of the indentations **28**.

A plurality of nubs **36** is provided and each is attached to one of the second sides **26** of the inserts **22**. Each of the nubs **36** is positioned for being removably extended into one of the apertures **20** when the inserts **22** are positioned in the depressions **18**. The nubs **36** preferably have a size and shape for frictionally engaging an edge of a respective one of the apertures **20** to aid in retaining the inserts **22** in the depressions **18**.

A plurality of perimeter lips **38** is provided. Each of the perimeter lips **38** is integrally attached to and extends along a perimeter edge **32** of each of the indentations **18**. Each of the perimeter lips **38** is positioned adjacent to the first sides **24** of each of the inserts **22**.

Each of a plurality of magnets **40** is positioned within one of the inserts **22** so that each of the inserts **22** has at least one magnet **40** positioned therein. It is preferred that each of the inserts **22** has at least two magnets **40** positioned therein, and more preferably three magnets **40** positioned therein. A metallic plate **42** is attached to the back side of the panel. The plate **42** is substantially a same size as the canton and is aligned with the canton. Each of the apertures **20** in the panel **12** extends through the plate **42**. The plate **42** is magnetically attracted to the magnets **40** to further aid in retaining the inserts **22** in the depressions **18**.

In use, wherein each of a plurality of quarters **30** may be removably positioned in one of the indentations **28** and each of the inserts **22** may be removably positioned in one of the depressions **18**. The perimeter edges **32** of the indentations **28** hold the quarters **30** in place, though the perimeter lips **38**

also aid in holding the quarters **30** in the indentations **28**. Once the inserts **22** are in the depressions **18**, they may be easily removed from the panel **12** by pressing them out of the depressions **18** via the apertures **20**. The inserts **22**, by being flexible, allows a person to bend the inserts **22** to remove the quarters **30**.

With respect to the above description then, it is to be realized that the optimum dimensional relationships for the parts of the invention, to include variations in size, materials, shape, form, function and manner of operation, assembly and use, are deemed readily apparent and obvious to one skilled in the art, and all equivalent relationships to those illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification are intended to be encompassed by the present invention.

Therefore, the foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention.

I claim:

**1**. An assembly adapted for removably receiving and storing a plurality of coins, said assembly comprising:

a panel having a front side and a back side, said panel having a generally rectangular shape, United States flag indicia being positioned on said front side and consisting of a canton and thirteen stripes, said canton having fifty star shaped depressions therein; and

a plurality of inserts, each of said inserts having a size and shape adapted for being removably positioned in and frictionally coupled to one of said depressions, each of said inserts having a first side and a second side, each of said first sides having a circular shaped indentation therein, each of said indentations having a diameter equal to a coin, said coin being a quarter; and

wherein each of a plurality of quarters may be removably positioned in one of said indentations and each of said inserts may be removably positioned in one of said depressions.

**2**. The assembly according to claim **1**, wherein said panel has fifty apertures extending therethrough, each of said depressions having one of said apertures therein.

**3**. The assembly according to claim **1**, wherein each of said indentations having a perimeter edge, a plurality of perimeter lips, each of said perimeter lips being integrally attached to and extending along a perimeter edge of each of said indentations, each of said perimeter lips being positioned adjacent to said first sides of each of said inserts.

**4**. The assembly according to claim **3**, wherein each of said inserts is comprised of a resiliently flexible material.

**5**. The assembly according to claim **1**, further including:

a plurality of magnets, each of said magnets being positioned within one of said inserts such that each of said inserts has at least one magnet positioned therein; and

a metallic plate being attached to said back side of said panel.

**6**. The assembly according to claim **5**, wherein said plate is substantially a same size as said canton and is aligned with said canton.

**7**. The assembly according to claim **2**, further including:

a plurality of magnets, each of said magnets being positioned within one of said inserts such that each of said inserts has at least two magnets positioned therein; and

a metallic plate being attached to said back side of said panel, each of said apertures in said panel extends through said plate.

**8**. The assembly according to claim **7**, wherein said plate is substantially a same size as said canton and is aligned with said canton.

**9**. An assembly adapted for removably receiving and storing a plurality of coins, said assembly comprising:

a panel having a front side and a back side, said panel having a generally rectangular shape, United States flag indicia being positioned on said front side and consisting of a canton and thirteen stripes, said canton having fifty star shaped depressions therein, said panel having fifty apertures extending therethrough, each of said depressions having one of said apertures therein, said panel being comprised of a plastic material;

a plurality of inserts, each of said inserts having a size and shape adapted for being removably positioned in and frictionally coupled to one of said depressions, each of said inserts having a first side and a second side, each of said first sides having a circular shaped indentation therein, each of said indentations having a diameter equal to a coin, said coin being a quarter, each of said indentations having a perimeter edge, each of said inserts being comprised of a resiliently flexible material;

a plurality of nubs, each of said nubs being attached to one said second sides of said inserts such that each of said inserts has one nub attached thereto, each of said nubs being positioned for being removably extended into one of said apertures when said inserts are positioned in said depressions, said nubs having a size and shape for frictionally engaging an edge of a respective one of said apertures;

a plurality of perimeter lips, each of said perimeter lips being integrally attached to and extending along a perimeter edge of each of said indentations, each of said perimeter lips being positioned adjacent to said first sides of each of said inserts;

a plurality of magnets, each of said magnets being positioned within one of said inserts such that each of said inserts has at least two magnets positioned therein;

a metallic plate being attached to said back side of said panel, said plate being substantially a same size as said canton and being aligned with said canton, each of said apertures in said panel extending through said plate; and

wherein each of a plurality of quarters may be removably positioned in one of said indentations and each of said inserts may be removably positioned in one of said depressions.

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